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Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, Applicant is submitting herewith a copy of a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application and copies of the documents listed in the attached form equivalent to Form PTO-1449 for the Examiner's consideration.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted before the mailing date of a first office action on the merits and within three months of the date of the foreign search report which was dated March 19, 2003.

Each of the documents listed on the attached PTO/SB/08A form is in the English language.

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